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FIP Bus Controller

Features

- Interfaces FIP or World FIP I/O serial bus to IC697 PLC
- Installs in VME Integrator Rack; has 2 Megabytes of RAM and 2 Megabytes of Flash memory
- Four FIP Bus Controllers per PLC system
- Two FIP bus channels provide redundant bus capability
- RS-485 serial port attaches to PC for easy in-system firmware upgrade (no PROMS to change)
- Pushbutton for resetting Bus Controller and enabling Bus Controller to accept upgrades
- FIP bus faults managed by PLC Alarm processor Function
- Six status LEDs
- Software configuration (no DIP switches or jumpers to set)

Functions

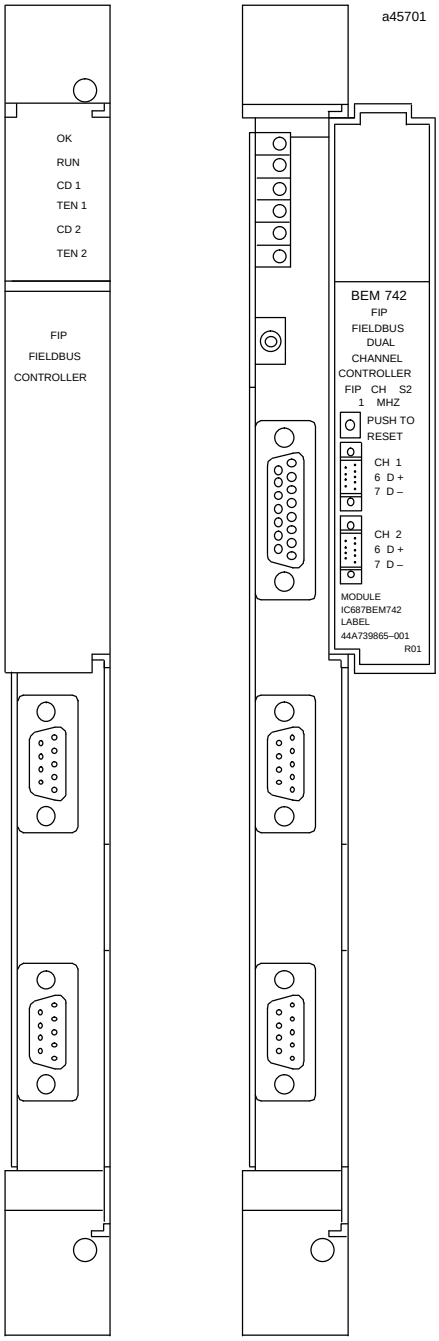
This FIP Bus Controller (FBC) is a two channel bus controller that occupies a single half-slot in an IC697 PLC VME Integrator rack. The FBC is configured with MS-DOS® or Windows® based programming software. I/O devices on the FIP bus are scanned asynchronously by the bus controller and I/O data is transferred to the CPU once per scan.

Up to 31 Bus Controllers, of any kind, can be included in an IC697 PLC system. Of the 31 Bus Controllers, a maximum of four can be FIP Bus Controllers.

A FIP bus may serve:

- **Remote Drops**, IC693 I/O racks that are interfaced to the bus through Remote I/O Scanner Modules. Each remote drop can include any mix of discrete and analog I/O modules.
- **Field Control Stations**, Field Control I/O modules that are interfaced to the bus via a FIP Bus Interface Unit (BIU).
- **Generic Devices**, such as general-purpose computers that are interfaced to the bus via a 3rd Party FIP Module.

A FIP bus is used primarily for I/O control. It is also used to store configuration data to remote devices and to report faults.



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Location in a System

A FIP Bus Controller module can be installed in any I/O slot in the CPU rack (VME Integrator rack– IC697CHS782 or IC697CHS783) of an IC697 PLC system. The following figure shows a typical installation with a FIP Bus Controller connected to an IC693 Remote I/O Scanner which allows IC693 I/O modules to be on the FIP Bus. The IC693 Remote I/O Scanner and the modules it serves are referred to as a FIP I/O Nest. For detailed information on the IC693 Remote I/O Scanner, refer to the *Remote I/O Scanner User's Manual*.

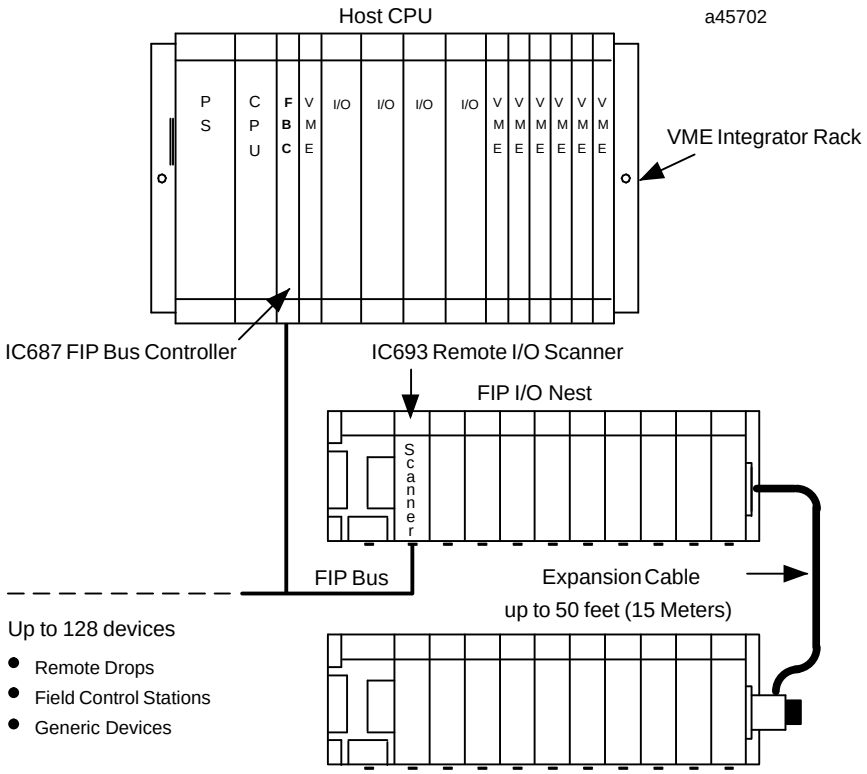

Figure 1. Example of FIP Bus Controller In a System

Installing a FIP Bus Controller

- Installation should not be attempted without referring to the applicable *Programmable Controller Installation Manual* and the *FIP Bus Controller User's Manual.*
- **Be sure that rack is powered down.**
- Position the FIP Bus Controller at its intended slot location in the VME Integrator rack.
- Slide the FIP Bus Controller into the card guide until it is aligned with the connector on the rack backplane.
- Push the module into the connector until it clicks onto the rack rails. Be sure that the board has seated properly in the connector. Tighten screws to hold module in place.
- Bus connections to the connectors on the front of the module can now be made.

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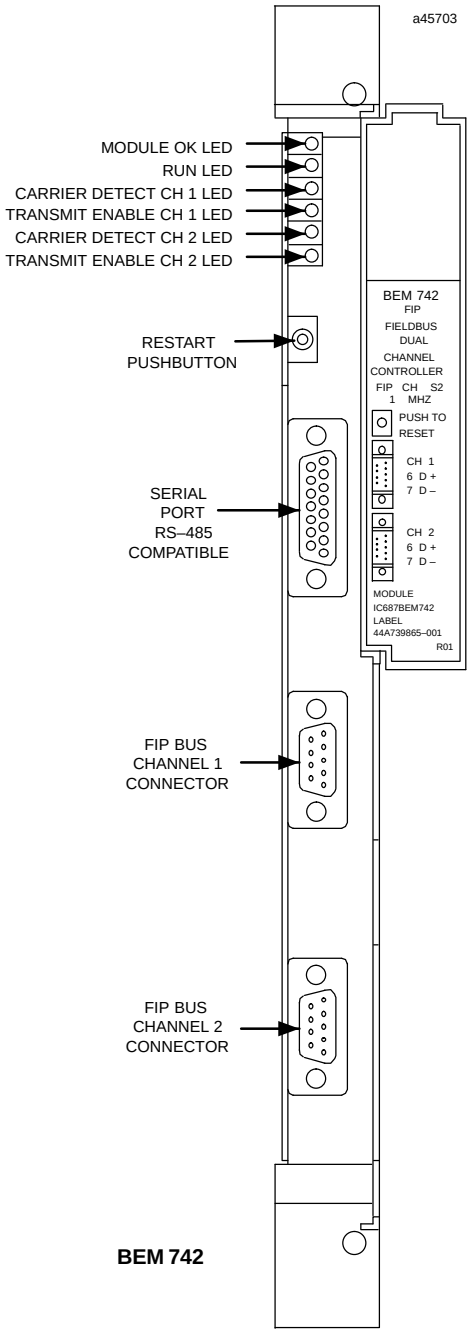

Figure 2. FIP Bus Controller Module - User Features

FIP Bus Controller Description

Following is a basic description of the module features (refer to Figure 2 for location of hardware features).

Status LEDs

The six LEDs located on the front of the FIP Bus Controller display module status and communications activity.

The top two LEDs indicate module health. The bottom four LEDs indicate communications activity on the FIP bus. Two LEDs are dedicated to each of the FIP channels.

MODULE OK

Shows the status of the FIP Bus Controller. This LED blinks during power-up diagnostics and should remain on as long as power is applied to the Bus Controller.

RUN

Shows the operational status of the FIP Bus Controller. This LED turns ON when the module is actively scanningI / O.

CARRIER DETECT CH 1

This LED is ON when detecting a carrier signal on the FIP bus attached to channel 1.

TRANSMIT ENABLE CH 1

This red LED is ON when the FIP Bus Controller transmits data on the FIP bus attached to channel 1.

CARRIER DETECT CH 2

This LED is ON when detecting a carrier signal on the FIP bus attached to channel 2.

TRANSMIT ENABLE CH 2

This red LED is ON when the FIP Bus Controller transmits data on the FIP bus attached to channel 2.

Pushbutton

A pushbutton located directly below the LEDs is provided as a means to enable the Bus Controller to accept an upgrade of its operating firmware. It is also used to locally reset the Bus Controller in the event of a watchdog timeout.

Serial Connector

The 15-pin Serial Connector on the FIP Bus Controller provides for attachment of a PC computer to perform an upgrade of the operating firmware of the Bus Controller. The port supports the RS-485 electrical standard.

Table 1. RS-485 Serial Port Pin Assignments

Pin Number	Signal Name	Pin Number	Signal Name
1	Shield Ground	9	Termination Resistor*
2	no connection	10	RXD–
3	no connection	11	RXD+
4	ATTACH	12	TD–
5	+5V (5 Volts DC)	13	TD+
6	RTS–	14	RTS+
7	0V (DC Ground)	15	CTS+
8	CTS+	Shell	Board Frame Ground

* A 120 ohm resistor is capacitively coupled to the board frame ground.

FIP Bus Connectors (Channel 1 and 2)

Two 9-pin connectors on the FIP Bus Controller provide for attachment of one or two FIP busses. The top 9-pin connector is for FIP bus *Channel 1* and the bottom 9-pin connector is for FIP bus *Channel 2*. Since signals on both busses are identical, the two busses provide a redundant bus capability.

Table 2. FIP Bus Connector Pin Assignments

Pin Number	Signal Name	Pin Number	Signal name
1	no connection	6	D+
2	no connection	7	D–
3	no connection	8	no connection
4	no connection	9	no connection
5	no connection	Shell	Signal Ground*

* The connector shell is capacitively coupled to the board frame ground.

Note that if cables with plastic shell connectors are not connected to both ports, the provided plastic connector cover and nylon screws should be used to cover the exposed metal connector of the FIP communication port not used.

The FIP Bus

The FIP bus is a shielded twisted-pair wire. Proper cable selection is critical to successful operation of the system. Suitable cable types are listed in the *FIP Bus Controller User's Manual*.

Conservative wiring practices, as well as national and local codes, require physical separation between control circuits and power distribution or motor power. Refer to sections 430 and 725 of the National Electric Code.

Table 3. FIP Bus Characteristics

Bus Type	Single twisted pair plus shield. Fiber optics cable and modems can also be used.
Baud Rate	1.0 Mbaud
Maximum Bus Length	3280 feet (1000 meters) per section. 13123 feet (4000 meters) with a maximum of 3 repeaters.
Maximum Number of Devices	32 devices per section
Data Encoding	Manchester II Encoding

Connecting the Serial Bus

For information about bus selection and installation, you should refer to the *FIP Bus Controller User's Manual*.

Connect the bus cable to the connector(s) on the front of the Bus Controller. When installed in a single media or simplex configuration, either connector can be used. When installed in a dual media or redundant configuration, both the Channel 1 and 2 connectors must be used. Both connectors accept a standard 9-pin D-type male connector.

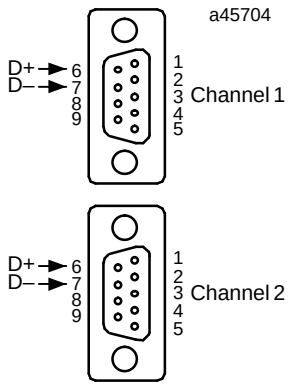

Figure 3. FIP Bus Connectors

Bus Controller Operation

The Bus Controller handles all data transfer between the PLC and the devices on its bus. In order to do this, the Bus Controller must interface two completely separate and asynchronous activities:

A. The *FIP bus scan*, a cycle of communications between the devices on a bus (including the Bus Controller itself).

B. The *CPU sweep*, the cycle of actions that includes communications between the CPU and the Bus Controller.

The Bus Controller manages data transfer between the bus and the CPU by maintaining two separate on-board RAM memories. One interfaces with the bus and the other interfaces with the CPU. The Bus Controller automatically transfers data between these two memories, making data available to the bus or to the CPU when it is needed.

The FIP Bus Scan

A FIP bus scan (also referred to as a macro-cycle) consists of a fixed set of operations that are repeated as long as the RUN LED of the FIP Bus Controller is ON. The length of the macro-cycle, once configured never varies. Therefore, the bus scan is fixed.

During the bus scan, the FIP Bus Controller:

- Broadcasts all output data to each device.
- Independently tests the presence of any remote devices (optional).
- Allows the broadcast of any aperiodic I/O data by any 3rd Party device but only for the maximum time configured (optional).
- Allows the transmission of any messages by any device but only for the maximum time configured.
- Receives a diagnostic message from each IC6** device.
- Receives all input data sent by each device.

Diagnostics

FIP devices on the bus will automatically report faults, alarms and certain other predefined conditions to the PLC.

The Bus Controller stores any diagnostic messages it receives. They are read automatically by the IC697 CPU. Faults can then be displayed in the fault table using the IC641 programming software and cleared from the programmer. Detailed information on faults on the FIP bus can be found in Chapter 7 of the *FIP Bus Controller User's Manual.*

In addition to the built-in diagnostics capabilities of FIP devices, the IC641 programming software application program can make use of additional diagnostics mechanisms provided by the IC697 PLC:

- System Status References that have been defined for FIP use.
- Fault and No Fault contacts that can be used to detect fault and lack of fault conditions.
- Alarm contacts that can be used to indicate when an analog value has reached an assigned alarm limit.

Table 4. Applicable Manuals

Reference	Title
1	FIP Bus Controller User's Manual
2	FIP Remote I/O Scanner User's Manual
3	FIP Bus Interface Unit User's Manual
4	Programmable Controller Installation Manual
5	Programming Software User's Manual
6	Programmable Controller Reference Manual

Table 5. Specifications for IC687BEM742 †

Operating Conditions:	
Atmospheric Pressure	80 kPa to 108 kPa
Storage and Transport Characteristics	
Atmospheric Pressure	66 kPa to 108 kPa
Free Fall	250mm (9.84 inches)
General Specifications	
Module Operating Voltage	5 VDC (from backplane)
Module Current Drain	1.4 Amps, typical
Memory	2 Megabytes of RAM, 2 Megabytes of Flash
LEDs	**OK** Module OK **RUN** Module Operational Status **CD 1** Carrier Detect Channel 1 **TEN 1** Transmit Enable Channel 1, **CD 2** Carrier Detect Channel 2 **TEN 2** Transmit Enable Channel 2
Data Rate	1Mbit / second
Protocol	FIP / World FIP
VME	System designed to support the VME standard C.1

† Refer to GFK-0867B, or later for product standards and general specifications.

Table 6. Ordering Information

Description	Catalog Number
FIP Bus Controller Module, 2 Mbytes of RAM and 2 Mbytes of Flash Memory	IC687BEM742